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Application No.: 10/777,246Docket No.: 4898-053**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A compressor comprising;
a front housing closing one end of a front cylinder block;
a rear housing closing one end of a rear cylinder block;
the front and rear cylinder blocks arranged to be combined with each other between the front housing and the rear housing;
refrigerant gas inlet and outlet ports formed on the outer peripheral surface of at least [any] one of the front and rear cylinder blocks;
a front discharge conduit ~~provided~~ arranged to pass through a first partition defining a front refrigerant gas discharge chamber to be isolated from a front refrigerant gas suction chamber, inside the front refrigerant gas suction chamber, for thereby delivering the refrigerant gas discharged into the front refrigerant gas discharge chamber of the front housing toward the outside of the compressor;
a rear discharge conduit ~~provided~~ arranged to pass through a second partition defining a rear refrigerant gas discharge chamber to be isolated from a rear refrigerant gas suction chamber, inside the rear refrigerant gas suction chamber, for thereby delivering the refrigerant gas discharged into the rear refrigerant gas discharge chamber

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of the rear housing toward the outside of the compressor;

the front and rear housings respectively including front and rear auxiliary expansion ~~portions for respectively portion~~ communicating with the outlet sides of the front and rear discharge conduits;

discharge coupling passageways disposed in the front and rear cylinder blocks and connected with the front and rear auxiliary expansion ~~portion~~ portions; and

a main expansion portion ~~provided~~ arranged between the discharge coupling passageways in such a manner as to communicate with the refrigerant gas outlet port.

2. (Currently amended) A compressor according to claim 1, wherein the main expansion portion is ~~formed~~ extending ~~arranged to extend to~~ an end of the discharge coupling passageway of the front cylinder block or the rear cylinder block, as an integral body in the front or rear cylinder block.

3. (Original) A compressor according to claim 1, wherein the main expansion portion is formed outside the front cylinder block or the rear cylinder block.

4. (Currently amended) A compressor according to claim 1, wherein at least one ~~or more of~~ the front and rear discharge conduits [are] is positioned at the shortest distances between the central portions of the front and rear refrigerant gas discharge chambers of the front and rear housings and the central portions of the inlet ends thereof.

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5. (Currently amended) A compressor according to claim 1, wherein at least one ~~or more of~~ the front and rear auxiliary expansion portion ~~have portions~~ has volumes larger than volumes of the front and rear discharge conduits.

6. (Currently amended) A compressor according to claim 1, wherein at least one ~~or more of~~ the discharge coupling passageways [have] has passageway cross sectional areas larger than or the same as passageway cross sectional areas of the front and rear discharge conduits.

7. (Currently amended) A compressor according to claim 1, wherein the main expansion portion has a volume larger than or the same as [a] ~~the~~ sum of the volumes of the front and rear auxiliary expansion portion.

8. (Currently amended) A compressor according to claim 1, wherein at least one ~~or more of~~ the front and rear discharge conduits ~~communicate~~ communicates with the lower face of any of the front and rear auxiliary expansion portion.

9. (Currently amended) A compressor according to claim 1, wherein at least one ~~or more of~~ the front and rear discharge conduits [have] has passageway cross sectional areas that ~~become increased~~ increase toward the outlets from the inlets thereof ~~or become increased step by step~~.

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10. (Original) A compressor according to claim 1, wherein a passageway length between the front discharge conduit of the front housing and the refrigerant gas outlet port is the same as a passageway length between the rear discharge conduit of the rear housing and the refrigerant gas outlet port.

11. (New) The compressor of claim 9 wherein the increase is step by step.

12. (New) A compressor comprising;

a front housing closing one end of a front cylinder block;

a rear housing closing one end of a rear cylinder block;

the front and rear cylinder blocks being combined with each other between the front housing and the rear housing;

refrigerant gas inlet and outlet ports on the outer peripheral surface of at least one of the front and rear cylinder blocks;

a front discharge conduit that passes through a first partition defining a front refrigerant gas discharge chamber to be isolated from a front refrigerant gas suction chamber, the front conduit being arranged for delivering the refrigerant gas discharged into the front refrigerant gas discharge chamber of the front housing toward the outside of the compressor;

a rear discharge conduit that passes through a second partition defining a rear refrigerant gas discharge chamber to be isolated from a rear refrigerant gas suction

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chamber, the rear conduit being arranged for delivering the refrigerant gas discharged into the rear refrigerant gas discharge chamber of the rear housing toward the outside of the compressor;

the front and rear housings respectively including front and rear auxiliary expansion portions for respectively providing fluid communication with the outlet sides of the front and rear discharge conduits;

discharge coupling passageways in the front and rear cylinder blocks and connected with the front and rear auxiliary expansion portions; and

a main expansion portion arranged between the discharge coupling passageways in such a manner as to provide fluid communication with the refrigerant gas outlet port.

13. (New) A compressor according to claim 12, wherein, the main expansion portion extends to an end of the discharge coupling passageway of the front cylinder block or the rear cylinder block, as an integral body in the front or rear cylinder block.

14. (New) A compressor according to claim 12, wherein the main expansion portion is outside the front cylinder block or the rear cylinder block.

15. (New) A compressor according to claim 12, wherein at least one of the front and rear discharge conduits is positioned at the shortest distances between the

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central portions of the front and rear refrigerant gas discharge chambers of the front and rear housings and the central portions of the inlet ends thereof.